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SUBJ: IRAQI JEWS

1. IN VIEW OF PERSISTENT REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES AND MURDERS OF MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI JEWISH COMMUNITY, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND APPROPRIATE IF AMBASSADOR SCALI WOULD RAISE THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. AMB. SCALI THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO ( A ) EMPHASIZE OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS PAST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER SADDRUDIN KHAN, ON BEHALF OF IRAQI AND SYRIAN JEWS; ( B ) EXPRESS OUR REALIZATION THAT INTERNAL SITUATION IN IRAQ IS SUCH THAT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION MAY BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE, BUT ( C ) STATE NONETHELESS OUR BELIEF THAT ONLY MORAL PRESSURES SUCH AS THOSE COMING FROM NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FIGURES LIKE SECRETARY- GENERAL MAY HAVE SOME ALLEVIATING EFFECT.

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2. IF SECRETARY- GENERAL AGREES TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE IRAQI CONTACTS, YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT HE CONSIDER MENTIONING ( A) ADVERSE EFFECT ON IRAQ' S REPUTATION WHICH THESE REPORTS OF ARREST AND MURDER ARE HAVING, AND ( B) HOPE THAT IRAQ WILL CONTINUE TO PERMIT THOSE IRAQI JEWS WHO SO DESIRE TO LEAVE IRAQ.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE USUN RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER WE MIGHT APPROACH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW UP WITH SECRETARY- GENERAL OUR INTERCESSION ON BEHALF OF IRAQI JEWS. RUSH

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